

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my citizenship, postal address and residence are as stated below; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

**TOOL WITH TOOL BODY AND PROTECTIVE LAYER SYSTEM**

the specification of which

  X   is attached hereto, or  
  X   was filed on September 12, 1997 as Application Serial No. 08/928,652 and  
 was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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### TOOL WITH TOOL BODY AND PROTECTIVE LAYER SYSTEM

as set forth in his United States Patent Application (check one):

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